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No. S. B. D. 122.
Date 17-3-31.

Station,

Date March 17, 1931.

Subject (in full) Mr. Fontenoy and G. Constantini.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Duncan.

Sir,

Mr. Fontenoy, residing at No. 27 Route Ghisi, arrived in Shanghai from Paris where he was employed with the "Havas" Newsagency. He was the founder and editor of the "Journal de Shanghai" but resigned from the post of editor and became adviser to the Minister of Communications of the National Government. He resigned from this position about one year ago and became the representative of the Newsagency A.R.I.P. (Agence de Renseignements Indo-Pacifique) which position he still holds.

G. Constantini, lawyer, is associated with E. Nouveau, Advocate, with offices at No. 29 Avenue Edward VII. Nouveau is at present in France.

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February 23, 1931.

CHINA CHALLENGES TO DEPORT FRENCH JOURNALIST.

The "Holmes", a mosquito paper, publishes the following report:-

The Imperialists use to judge affairs in China from evidence secured by hearsay and spread exaggerated and groundless reports. This is an insult to our country. This often happens in imperialistic cases but it can also be found in foreign publications in China.

Since the establishment of Nanking as the capital, the National Government has strictly censored the foreign counter propaganda in which it has been successful.

Recently the Central Propaganda Department received secret information that the French Imperialists have established in Paris an extensive news propaganda organ called "Ha Hwa Correspondence Agency". This agency makes a speciality of spreading rumours of Chinese affairs and groundless reports of "Bolshevism" "Yellow Danger", etc. It has branches at Peiping, Tientsin, Shanghai and other ports and has appointed Fontenoy, a French citizen, as its correspondent in China.

The Central Propaganda Department has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to keep a watch on the actions of Fontenoy and to warn him to cease supplying the "Ha Hwa Correspondence Agency" with untrue reports, otherwise he would be deported from China.

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Information. Articles on China are being sent to Italy by Chevalier Constantini. Are either of these people known?

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. D. 122.
Date 9.-4.-30.

THE SHANGHAI TIMES, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1930.

M. Jean Fontenoy, former editor of the "Journal de Shanghai," has resigned his position as adviser to the Minister of Com- [illegible] appointed [illegible] of [illegible] well-known [illegible] and publicity service, in the Far East.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. D. 122
Date 19. 3. 29

March 19, 9

Dear Shelley,

With reference to Colonel Blaker's inquiry about Mr. Fontenoy, I forward herewith a copy of Police report dated March 19, 1929 concerning him.

Yours sincerely,

Capt. J.P. Shelley,
North China Command.

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(C.I.D.) Office Notes

V. D. C. J.,

Mr. J. A. Fontenoy, editor of the French daily newspaper "le Journal de Shanghai" arrived in Shanghai about a year ago. He speaks Russian fluently and was an employee in a French commercial firm in St. Petersburg before the war. He returned to Russia in 1924 as the "Havas" representative at Moscow and remained in Soviet Russia some three years.

Recently, he had the intention of opening an English section of the Havas agency in Shanghai, but according to well-informed sources, he is about to leave Shanghai as the revolution and civil war in China are over.

He is considered to be an Alsacian and his wife is Roumanian. He is stated to favour the Hsu Han Min faction of the Kouomintang. Since the speech he delivered on Russia at the Rotary Club, he states that

the British, more than any of the other foreigners in Shanghai, consider him a Bolshevik!

John F. Cook

c/ Feb 19
1929

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

C.I.D. HEADQUARTERS.

POLITICAL BRANCH.

Shanghai, 12 : 3 : 1939

To Foreign Section,

For inquiry and report please.

Report attached.

H.R. 19/3/39

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11th March 1919

Dear Mrs.

I return herewith attached correspondence

Many thanks.

Colonel Blakes is anxious to know something of the history of Mr FONTENOY Editor of the Journal de Shanghai and who recently gave a lecture on Sinnett Rawson at the Rotary Club. Do you know anything of this man?

Yours sincerely

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